

For the electronic record, I am writing in support of HB 5303.

I strongly support the passage of HB 5303 allowing designated persons to administer antiepileptic medication to students for prompt treatment of an epileptic seizure or other epileptic event. The proposed bill is not only a logical extension of the provisions of Section 10-212a but, more importantly, an essential addition.

As with other serious episodic medical events (e.g. heart attacks), prompt treatment many times is the most effective way to minimize the harmful effects of a medical event. HB 5303 does just that. It was also important to me to see that parental consent and medical authorization by a treating physician are needed before antiepileptic medication may be administered.

Please pass this legislation as soon as possible. Our collective children need it.

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